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House Bill 4657

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to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §6B-3-12, relating to prohibiting state agencies, boards and commissions from
 3 hiring lobbyists; and declaring that the director of each state agency to have exclusive,
 4 non-delegable authority to lobby on behalf of the state agency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 section, designated §6B-3-12, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3. LOBBYISTS.

§6B-3-12. Employment by state agencies prohibited.

1 It is a violation of this chapter for any state agency, board or commission to employ for
 2 any form of remuneration, or pay or agree to pay any form of remuneration to, a person to lobby
 3 on behalf of the agency. Notwithstanding any provisions of this section, the head of each state
 4 agency, board or commission has the exclusive, non-delegable authority to lobby on behalf of the
 5 agency.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit state agencies from hiring lobbyists and declaring that the executive director of each state agency to have exclusive, non-delegable authority to lobby on behalf of the state agency.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.